

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-0488

Noah Shaul House

3220 Benson Mill Road

Upperco, Baltimore County

ca. 1840

Private

Located in the vicinity of Butler in the Fifth District, the Noah Shaul House was constructed circa 1840 and is representative of the many Federal style houses built throughout rural Baltimore County in the mid- to late 19th century. Occupied in 1850 by Noah Shaul, the property later passed to another member of the family, R. Shaul. His ownership of the land is verified by the 1877 county atlas. Signifying the new role that the country had taken following the Revolutionary War, the Federal style of architecture followed dominated American architecture from 1790 to 1830 as an updated architectural style for the new republic. High-style Federal buildings are decorated with carved swags and classical motifs on the exterior as well as the interior. Reflective of vernacular interpretations, particularly as seen in masonry examples, are the side gable roof, the centered entry capped by a transom with tracery, and the symmetrically placed window openings with flat lintels and double-hung sash windows. The architecture of the Noah Shaul House is less ornate, suggesting a more modest interpretation of the popular style. The house remains a single family residence while the landscape surrounding the dwelling retains its rural agricultural character and use.

Situated on an agricultural tract of land, the dwelling is surrounded by pastures. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the house stands two-and-a-half stories in height and five bays in width. The wood frame building is clad in weatherboard and has a side gable roof of standing seam metal. The centered entry consists of a six-panel, single-leaf door with multi-light stained glass sidelights and a transom. Thirteen 1/1 replacement windows with square-edged wood sills and surrounds pierce the façade or south elevation. The easternmost bay is marked by a three-sided, canted bay window. There is a one-story wrap-around porch that features Tuscan columns and a square-edged balustrade. Detailing includes two interior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps, a boxed wood cornice with returns, and a two-bay deep wood frame ell. On the rear of the house, there is a two-and-a-half story, one-bay deep addition and a two-story addition with an exterior end brick chimney. There are three historic outbuildings that were constructed in the middle of the 19th century: a springhouse, a granary, and a barn. There are also two non-historic outbuildings associated with the property: a circa 1965 garage and a circa 1990 animal shelter.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Noah Shaul House (preferred)

other Wadefield

2. Location

street and number 3220 Benson Mill Road not for publication

city, town Upperco vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name J. Ritchie and Beverly B. Solter

street and number 3220 Benson Mill Road telephone Not Available

city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155-9311

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 6755 folio 67

city, town Towson tax map 26 tax parcel 120 tax ID number 0513055460

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			1

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Situated on an agricultural tract of land, the circa 1840 dwelling is surrounded by pastures. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the Federal style dwelling stands two-and-a-half stories in height and five bays in width. The wood frame building is clad in weatherboard and has a side gable roof of standing seam metal. The centered entry consists of a six-panel, single-leaf door with multi-light stained glass sidelights and a transom. Thirteen 1/1 replacement windows with square-edged wood sills and surrounds pierce the façade on south elevation. The easternmost bay is marked by a three-sided, canted bay window. There is a one-story wrap-around porch that features Tuscan columns and a square-edged balustrade. Detailing includes two interior end brick chimneys with corbelled caps, a boxed wood cornice with returns, and a two-bay deep wood frame ell. On the rear of the house, there is a two-and-a-half story, one-bay deep addition and a two-story addition with an exterior end brick chimney.

There are three historic outbuildings that were constructed in the middle of the 19th century: a springhouse, a granary, and a barn. The one-story, one-bay square springhouse is constructed of random ashlar stone with a front gable roof of wood shingles and a single-leaf door opening. Square wood posts support the overhang of the roof. The granary is set on a stone pier foundation and is constructed of wood frame with board-and-batten siding. The front gable roof has standing seam metal cladding. There are two openings on the main block of the granary and one on the one-story shed roof addition. The barn is set on a random rubble stone foundation and has board-and-batten siding. The side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal and there is a one-story stable addition.

There are two non-historic outbuildings associated with the property: a circa 1965 garage and a circa 1990 animal shelter. The garage is constructed of concrete block and features a side gable roof with asphalt shingles. Four bays in width, the garage has three roll-up doors and a single-leaf vertical board sliding door. The animal shelter is constructed of wood frame with board-and-batten siding. Open on the façade, the building is three-bays wide with a side gable asphalt shingle roof.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1840 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1840 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850); see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

² Rachel Carley, *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture* (New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994), p. 91.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 14.38 Acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name Hampstead

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Noah Shaul House has been associated with Tax Map 26, Parcel 120 since its construction circa 1840. It is located at 3220 Benson Mill Road in Upperco in the Fifth District of Baltimore County.

11. Form Prepared by

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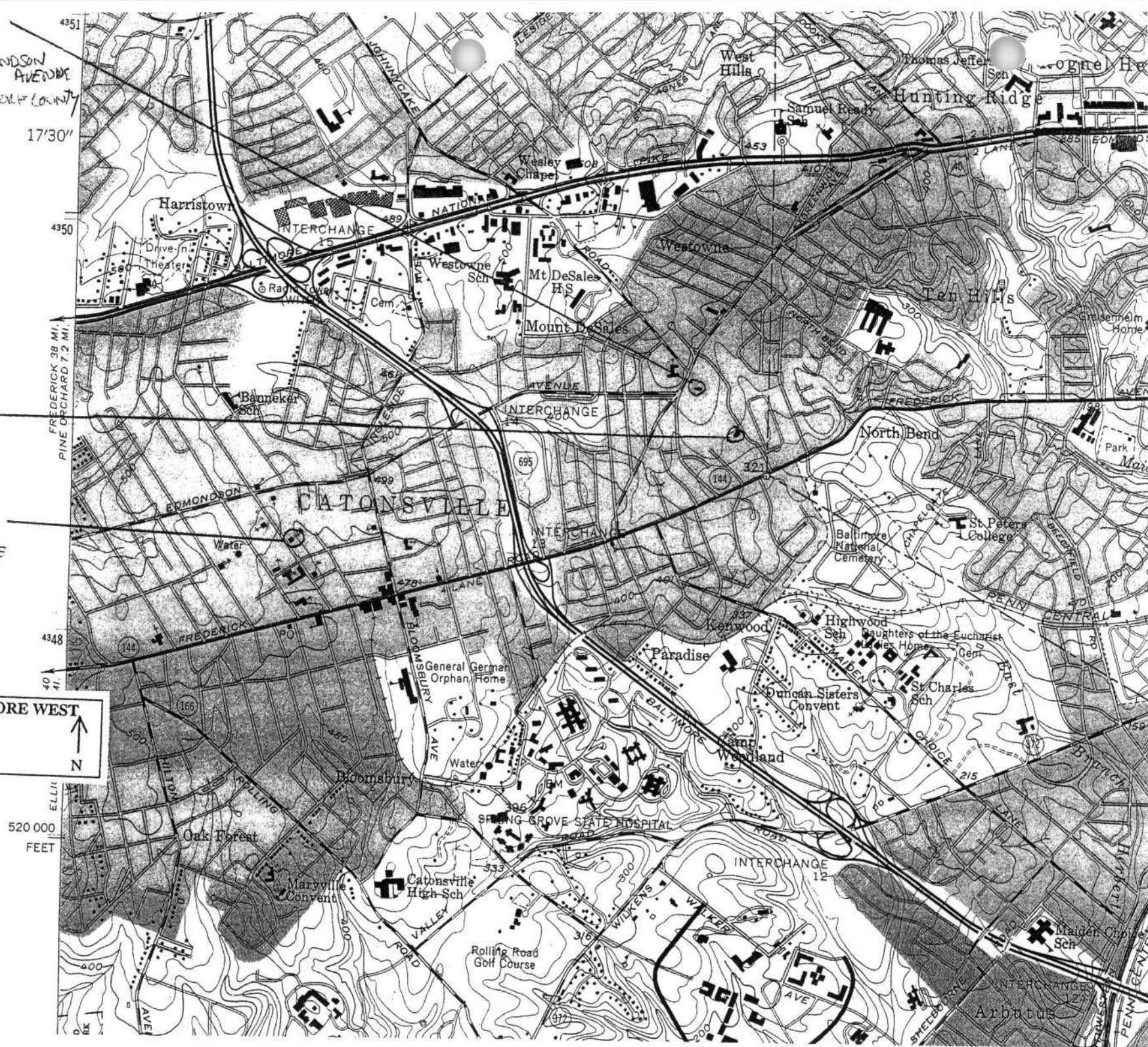
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AVENUE
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

17'30"

BA-2573
42 OVERBROOK
LATONSVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2646
48 1/2 WINTERS LANE
CATONSVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: BALTIMORE WEST
Scale: 1:24,000





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3226 BENSON MILL ROAD

UPPERCO

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

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HOUSE + OUTBUILDINGS, LOOKING NORTH

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WEST ELEVATION

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WADEFIELD - 1850-1875 - North side of Benson Mill Road, 0.7 mile east of Black Rock Road. Shown as S. Shaul's in 1877 atlas, possibly Samuel Wisner's on 1850 map. The owner at time of 1971 tour book was Samuel Kirk

DISTRICT 5 - continued -

Millspaugh. Frame and clapboard, two-story vernacular style house, gable-roofed with standing-seam tin covering; 7 bays wide; porch across the five inside bays. Inside end-chimneys; off-center bay window. Owner: Marshall A. Bowling.